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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

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FOR DEPUTY ASST SEC ARMITAGE, FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AGEN, PFOR, OVIP (POPOV, IVAN)

SUBJECT: POPOV VISIT - AVRAMOV - ARMITAGE MEETING

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1. IF YOU HAVE SEPARATE MEETING ON GENERAL STATE OF US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AVRAMOV, HEAD OF THE 8TH DEPARTMENT WHO IS TRAVELING WITH POPOV DELEGATION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD RAISE A COUPLE OF HOUSE-KEEPING QUESTIONS.
2. WE HAVE ASKED THE SERVICE BUREAU TO SHOW US LAND FOR A NEW CHANCERY BUT TO DATE IT HAS NOT PRODUCED ANY SITES.
3. IN MAY HEAD OF SERVICE BUREAU MADE A PERSONAL PROMISE TO ME REGARDING AN APARTMENT FOR THE NEW SECRETARY. THERE WAS A FALSE START LAST MONTH BUT APARTMENT FELL THROUGH. WE NEED THIS APARTMENT AND ARE DISTRESSED ABOUT NON-PERFORMANCE ON A PROMISE. WE ARE ALSO SEEKING THREE OTHER APARTMENTS, AND LATTER REQUESTS GO BACK TO SEPTEMBER 1973.
4. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS RESTRICTED ZONES WITH HIM. AS YOU KNOW, GOB HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS QUESTION.

5. IF YOU BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE, YOU CAN THANK HIM

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FOR THE NEW PRACTICE OF TELLING THE EMBASSY WHEN THE

STREET WILL BE BLOCKED OFF BECAUSE OF A POSSIBLE
THREAT TO THE EMBASSY. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD LIKE
INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF THREAT. PROTECTION OF EM-
BASSY IS OF COURSE BULGARIAN RESPONSIBILITY, BUT WE
HAVE IMPRESSION THAT THE PERIODS OF SUCH "PROTECTION"
MAY BE UNNECESSARILY LONG.
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